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President Ronald Reagan The White House 600 Pennslyvania Avenue Washington, DC

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Dear Sir:

The American Association of Jurists (AAJ) expresses grave concern over the recent kidnapping of Nicaraguan citizens Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado by U.S. backed and financed mercenary groups. This incident is part of the continuing campaign of terror and intimidation supported by your administration against the Nicaraguan people in clear violation of all norms and standards of international law.

The AAJ, an organization of lawyers, judges and legal scholars from throughout North, South, Central America and the Caribbean dedicated to the defense of fundamental principles of international law, places direct responsibility on your administration for the safety and wellbeing of Ray Hooker and his companions. We demand that immediate steps be taken to secure the release of Mr. Hooker and other Nicaraguan; citizens held by these bandit forces and that all forms of military and financial assistance to those groups be terminated.

Furthermore, the U.S. government must cease and desist from the massive military maneuvers conducted off the coasts of Nicaragua which pose a grave threat to peace in the region.

Under the internationally recognized principle of self-determination the people of Nicaragua are entitled to pursue their economic, political and social development without interference and in the manner they deem most appropriate.

We urge the United States government to support the efforts of the Nicaraguan government to bring about meaningful social change for its people in the areas of health care, education, employment and housing which are fundamental components of basic human rights.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Jackson Secretary-General

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cc: George Schultz, Department of State
William Casey, Central Intelligence Agency
Tip O'Neill, House of Representatives
Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Senate